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This report alerts U.S. firms to **US\$ 1.73 Million** in new, potential procurement of consulting services under the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) technical assistance (TA) programs. Opportunities are reported for China, Kyrgyz, Tuvalu and Vietnam. From January to September 2005, U.S. firms, including many small consulting firms, succeeded in winning US\$35.135 million ADB-funded national technical assistance contracts out of a total ADB-financed consulting budget of US\$302.867 million.

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Firms may also send a notification copy of their EOIs to the U.S. mailing address for the U.S. Commercial Service Liaison Office to the ADB, Attention: Frank Foster, Senior Commercial Officer, PSC 500 Box 33, FPO AP 96515-1000, or to the same office at its international mailing address: 25th Floor Ayala Life-FGU Center, 6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines 1226; Phone: (63-2) 887-1345; Fax: (63-2) 887-1164; E-mail: manila.adb.office.box@mail.doc.gov. These projects are likewise available on our website at <http://www.buyusa.gov/adb>. This office works closely with the Office of the U.S. Executive Director to the ADB to increase American awareness of, and participation in, the ADB's activities.

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**ADVISORY AND OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (ADTA)
PROJECTS, MARCH 2006**

A. CHINA

A.1: Project Name : Development of Small and Medium-sized Banks
Project No. : PRC 39168-01
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TA Amount : US\$ 400,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Finance /Banking Systems

Objectives and Scope:

The impact of the technical assistance (TA) will be enhanced private sector development through improved access to financial resources. The expected outcome of the TA is the healthy development of city commercial banks (CCBs). The TA will provide for: (i) review of the China Banking Regulatory Commission's (CBRC) existing supervisory framework and practices for CCBs; (ii) recommendations on remedial measures against problem banks and the criteria to apply the remedial measures; (iii) in-depth review of organizational structures and risk management systems in the selected CCBs; (iv) design of risk management systems in the selected CCBs; (v) trainings for CCBs' management and senior staff on risk management systems; (vi) training for CBRC staff on assessing the validation of risk management systems in CCBs and on remedial measures against problem banks; and (vii) study tour to learn from the supervisors in other countries that have accumulated experiences of problem bank resolution during and after the Asian financial crisis.

Consulting Services: The TA will engage 2 international consultants for a total of 7 person-months, including a bank supervision and resolution expert/team leader (3.5 person-months), a bank risk management system expert (3.5 person-months), and 2 domestic consultants, who will each have a background in the above four areas, for a total of 9 person-months. Separate budget will be provided to engage resource persons to cover specific areas or to participate in seminars and conferences. The consultants will be selected and engaged on an individual basis in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB on the selection and engagements of domestic consultants.

Project Processing Stage: Fact-finding Mission completed: 3 March 2006

Recruitment of Consultants: Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place on August 2006.

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A.2: Project Name : **Support for Establishing a Clean Development
Mechanism Fund**
Project No. : PRC 39656-01
Executing Agency : To be determined.
TA Amount : US\$ 600,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Multi-sector

Objectives and Scope:

The goal of the technical assistance (TA) is to promote sustainable development in PRC and to support the international endeavor to address the climate change concerns by promoting CDM projects and other climate change-related mitigation and adaptation projects and activities in PRC. The purpose of the TA is to help the Government set up the institutional framework and capacity of CDF to initiate its operation.

Consulting Services: The following experts will be required: Component 1: CDM Fund Fee Collection A. Legal Specialist (domestic, 3 mos.), Taxation Accounting Specialist (domestic, 3 mos), CDM Transaction Specialist (domestic, 1 mo) and Fund Management Specialist (domestic, 2 mos) Component 2: CDM Fund Governance and Capacity Building B. Financial Institution Management Specialist (international, 2 mos), Institutional Management Specialist (domestic, 2 mos), Financial Management and Control Specialist (domestic, 2 mos), Legal Specialist (domestic, 1 mo) Component 3: CDM Fund Operational Manual C. Fund Management Specialist (international, 4 mos), CDM Fund Supported Project Management Specialist (domestic, 4 mos), Financial Management Specialist (domestic, 4 mos) and Legal Specialist (domestic, 1 mo) Component 4: CDM Fund Public Awareness D. CDM Specialist (domestic, 1 mo) E. Website Designer (2 months)

Project Processing Stage: Fact-finding Mission completed: 7 March 2006.

Recruitment of Consultants: Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in May 2006.

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B. KYRGYZ

Project Name	:	Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation System at Oblast Level
Project No.	:	KGZ 40109-01
Executing Agency	:	President's Office
TA Amount	:	US\$ 200,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector	:	Law, Economic Management & Public Policy / Sub-national Government Administration

Objectives and Scope:

The technical assistance (TA) will strengthen the Government's capacity for results-based monitoring of the implementation of the NPRS-II. The main TA outcome will be an established oblast-level Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) system, integrated with the national NPRS-II monitoring system, with clearly defined roles, responsibilities, and relationships among the stakeholders. The main outputs of the TA will be: (i) oblast-specific M&E indicators and methodology, (ii) oblast-level data processing and monitoring centers, and (iii) enhanced oblast capacity in M&E.

Consulting Services: A total of 27 person-months of consulting services will be provided: 3 person-months for one international consultant (team leader, M&E specialist with strong background in system analysis and programming), and 24 person-months for two domestic consultants (an M&E/computer specialist and a computer/training specialist). Consultants will be hired on an individual basis in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by ADB and Its Borrowers and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

Project Processing Stage: Fact-finding Mission completed: 10 January 2005.

Recruitment of Consultants: Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in August-September 2006.

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C. TUVALU

Project Name : Capacity Building for Taxation Reforms
Project No. : TUV 40102-01
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TA Amount : US\$ 300,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Law, Economic Management & Public Policy / National Government Administration

Objectives and Scope:

The technical assistance (TA) will improve revenue management through the implementation of an efficient, equitable, and modern taxation system. The TA will provide advice to ensure the taxation system designed is appropriate to Tuvalu, strengthen the capacity of the taxation unit to implement and enforce the reformed taxation system, and include taxation revenue and other key non-tax revenue streams in a framework of improved revenue monitoring.

Consulting Services: Consulting services yet to be determined.

Project Processing Stage: Fact-finding Mission completed: 7 April 2006.

Recruitment of Consultants: Requirements for consulting services to be completed during Fact-finding Mission.

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D. VIETNAM

Project Name : **Phu My Bridge Approach Roads**
Project No. : VIE 39550-02
Executing Agency : Department of Transport and Public Works
TA Amount : US\$ 230,000.00
Sector/Sub-sector : Transport & Communications /Roads & Highways

Objectives and Scope:

The impact to which the technical assistance (TA) will contribute is the completion of the 2nd Ring Road for Ho Chi Minh City. The outcome of the TA will be that the Peoples Committee of Ho Chi Minh City (PC-HCMC) has prepared and implemented a resettlement plan and an environmental impact assessment (EIA) that meets ADB policy requirements for the Phu My Bridge and approach roads.

Consulting Services:

The technical assistance (TA) will require about 15 person-months of consulting services, including about 5 person-months of international consultants and about 10 person-months of domestic consultants. The international consultants will have expertise in the planning, design, implementation and monitoring of resettlement, social issues and environmental impact assessment. The consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants.

Project Processing Stage: Fact-finding Mission Completed: 20 January 2006.

Recruitment of Consultants: The TA will be implemented over a 6-month period commencing in April 2006.

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